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Hong Ma 09/82/839

Serial No.: 08/821,839

Group Art Unit: 1638

Filing Date: March 29, 2001

Examiner: C.E. Collins

For: Plant Gene Required for Male Meiosis

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated May 29, 2002.
- ☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed _____.
- ☐ Other: _____.

- ☒ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as:
- ☐ an Independent Inventor
 - ☐ a Small Business Concern
 - ☐ a Nonprofit Organization
- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ Substitute Pages _____ of the Specification are enclosed.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☐ _____ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: _____
_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Attached Form 1449.
 - ☐ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ Appended Material as follows: _____.
- ☐ Other Material as follows: _____.

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SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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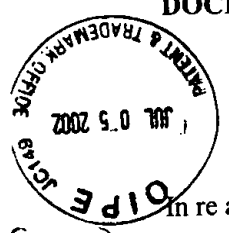
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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In response to a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, issued May 29, 2002
in connection with the above-identified patent application, please amend the claims as
follows:

Cancel claims 10, 11, 15, 16, and 19-24.